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(ne)**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Allard et al.  
SERIAL NO : 09/446,711  
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TITLE : METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE FREEZING TOLERANCE OF  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated August 13, 2002, a final rejection, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment After Final Rejection be entered and made of record. It is believed that the following amendments and remarks place the application in the form for allowance, or at least, place the claims in a better form for appeal. No new matter is presented, as such the amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. § 1.6(a)(3))**

I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being transmitted via facsimile to: Technology Center 1600 (Art Unit 1638) 703-872-9307, Attn: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

  
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